

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6773
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ASSISTANCE TO PARENTS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any programmes to assist and train parents of mentally handicapped children;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted regarding the number of mentally handicapped children below the age of 16 years in the country;
- (c) if so, whether any special schools have been set up for them;
- (d) whether adequate funding has not been given to the agencies of Government doing work in this sector; and
- (e) if so, the steps proposed to expand programme for the parents of mentally handicapped children?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

- (a) The Government through National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) is providing training, counselling and financial assistance for self employment ventures to the parents of mentally retarded children.
- (b) The National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) has conducted survey of mentally retarded children in the age group of 0-14 years in the year 1991.
- (c) Under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Organizations for Persons with Disabilities, NGOs are being given financial assistance to run 320 projects including special schools for children with mental retardation.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.